



General Assembly

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5202

File No. 275

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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF GROUP HEALTH
INSURANCE BENEFITS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 31-58 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2004*):

6 (j) "Minimum fair wage" in any industry or occupation in this state
7 means a wage of not less than six dollars and seventy cents per hour,
8 and effective January 1, 2003, not less than six dollars and ninety cents
9 per hour, and effective January 1, 2004, not less than seven dollars and
10 ten cents per hour, and effective October 1, 2005, not less than seven
11 dollars and thirty-five cents per hour, and effective October 1, 2005, not
12 less than seven dollars and sixty cents per hour, or one-half of one per

13 cent rounded to the nearest whole cent more than the highest federal
14 minimum wage, whichever is greater, except as may otherwise be
15 established in accordance with the provisions of this part. All wage
16 orders in effect on October 1, 1971, wherein a lower minimum fair
17 wage has been established, are amended to provide for the payment of
18 the minimum fair wage herein established except as hereinafter
19 provided. Whenever the highest federal minimum wage is increased,
20 the minimum fair wage established under this part shall be increased
21 to the amount of said federal minimum wage plus one-half of one per
22 cent more than said federal rate, rounded to the nearest whole cent,
23 effective on the same date as the increase in the highest federal
24 minimum wage, and shall apply to all wage orders and administrative
25 regulations then in force. The rates for learners, beginners, and persons
26 under the age of eighteen years shall be not less than eighty-five per
27 cent of the minimum fair wage for the first two hundred hours of such
28 employment and equal to the minimum fair wage thereafter, except
29 institutional training programs specifically exempted by the
30 commissioner."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>